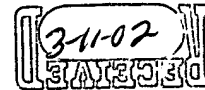


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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

On November 27, 2001 applicant filed a NOTICE OF APPEAL, Form PTO/SB/31 as well as an APPEAL BRIEF in the above identified application. Today applicant received another office action, repeating the substance of various rejections of previous office actions. The present office action fails to acknowledge the NOTICE OF APPEAL or make any notation of any deficiency therein as provided in MPEP 1205, nor does the office action acknowledge the APPEAL BRIEF or make any notation of any deficiency as provided in MPEP 1206.

Applicant requests that the examiner prepare an EXAMINER'S ANSWER as provided in MPEP 1208 and the application be forwarded to the Board of Appeals for review.

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